

October 18, 2020 * Spirit of Hope United Methodist Church * Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather – at a Distance

GREETING & GATHERING MUSIC

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WELCOME & TIME OF SINGING

Jeff Hansen

As We Gather

As we gather may Your Spirit work within us.
As we gather may we glorify Your name.
Knowing well that as our hearts begin to worship,
We'll be blessed because we came.
We'll be blessed because we came.

Draw the Circle Wide

Chorus

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide. Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
No one stands alone we'll stand side by side. Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still. Let this be our song; no one stands alone.
Standing side by side, Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Hear Our Praises

May our homes be filled with dancing. May our streets be filled with joy.
May injustice bow to Jesus, as the people turn and pray.

Chorus:

From the mountain to the valley, hear our praises rise to You.
From the heavens to the nations, hear our singing fill the air.

May our light shine in the darkness, as we walk before the cross.
May Your glory fill the whole earth, as the water over the seas.

(Bridge)

Hallelujah hallelujah, Hallelujah hallelujah.

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LET'S START WITH THIS

As we gather, we'd welcome God's Spirit

To work within us! Because, to be honest,
we're not sure, regardless of how wide the circle is,
that there's room inside it for us and those with whom
we disagree! Rejoicing in the streets? Dancing in our homes?
Not likely. Maybe in the spring? Or when Covid exits?

From All That Dwell below the Skies

Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

Ps. 117

Unison

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let the Cre - a - tor's praise a -
 2 E - ter - nal are your mer - cies, God; your truth stands ev - er high and

(Harmony) *(Unison)*

rise; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Let the Re - deem - er's name be
 broad: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Your praise shall sound from shore to

(Harmony)

sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 shore till suns shall rise and set no more.

(Unison)

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Isaac Watts, author of more than 600 hymns, paraphrased the two verses of Psalm 117 into this two-stanza hymn, which was included in his Psalms of David, 1719. The tune originated in a German Catholic hymnal.

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN
 8.8.4.4.8.8. with alleluias
 Geistliche Kirchengesäng, Cologne, 1623
 Harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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A PRAYER

From all that dwell below the skies, let the Creator's praise arise! Alleluia!

Alleluia indeed! And just that we're in a different place – potentially! Music has a way of moving us, stirring us, breaking us open – if we'll allow it. And in that open, unguarded, available moment we may sense how things truly are – and are to be – when all is said and done. This is such a moment, isn't it, God? You call us here, into newly-awakened awareness of our place within the infinite circle of your love, nudged by your Spirit to become more truly who we already are, and the world whose it already is, in Christ. So may it be! Amen.

We Lean in, Listen, Engage

THE PEACE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN: Rainbow Connection Jerry Rubino

GIFT OF MUSIC *Shepherd of My Heart* Baldwin & Tunney
Jen Burleigh-Benz

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 22:15-22

For the word of God, in scripture, within, among us, and beyond us
Thanks be to God!

A MESSAGE “God’s stuff...God stuff” Jeff Hansen

KEY VERSE They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” *Matthew 22:21*

We Respond in Grateful Generosity

PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Gracious God.... we lift this prayer to you.

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY <https://bit.ly/giveSOH>



OFFERING THANKS

For all that is, has been, and is to be, held and given in your endless generosity, God, we are grateful. Even the hard, painful, challenging times and experiences, even those you gather up to become your own “good stuff”. How can we be part of that gathering up, giving, blessing, of all, in the name and spirit of Jesus whose prayer we recall together...

OUR LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

We Scatter—Together, in Christ, Always

CLOSING SONG

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

1. Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with
2. Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for thy gos - pel's

joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound. May the fruits of thy sal - va - tion

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,
in our hearts and lives a - bound; ev - er faith - ful,

O re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful to the truth may we be found.

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A BLEST SENDING

Ever faithful to the truth,

May we be found,

That ultimately, it all belongs, we all belong to you. May that truth show through all we say and do and are and are yet to be! Amen! God send you, the Spirit fill you, Christ go with you and you with Christ, always and everywhere!

Amen! God bless! Go in peace! Amen.

CHIMES AND CLOSING MUSIC

Statement of Call: We are called by God to be radically inclusive, caring community of faith offering personal and social transformation through Jesus Christ.

Reconciling Statement: We are a reconciling congregation welcoming people of all sexual orientations.